

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REDUCING INTERFERENCE

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In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 2003, please enter the following response.

The Examiner has made an election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Applicant hereby makes a provisional election of Group 1, claims 1,3-4, and 53-54.

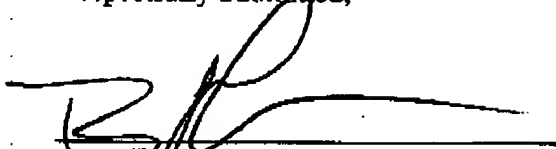
A Preliminary Amendment will be submitted on August 6, 2003 to add new claims,
which will also be directed to the elected invention.

Should there remain unresolved issues that require action, it is respectfully requested that
the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such

issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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